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Dear FIELD(first):

First, let us take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

As you know, this new year will be crucial in the evolution of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. We are looking forward to another year of intense effort to release the revised draft EIR/S and to carry out all the work necessary to release the final EIR/S in a timely fashion. Release of the final programmatic EIR is a foundational step in actually implementing the entirety of the CALFED Program.

An essential part of moving to successful completion of the EIR and successful development of the framework for CALFED governance will be the deliberations which take place among BDAC members. We have just completed scheduling for eight proposed BDAC public meetings over this coming year. A calendar of meeting dates and tentative agendas is attached. Working from the recommendations many of you offered during the BDAC assessment process, we will be narrowing the scope of the proposed agendas to allow for more in-depth debate and discussion. In addition, as a result of your comments, we will be utilizing more stakeholder panels and, with your willingness, more BDAC member participation in both shaping and leading the discussions. Four of the BDAC meetings will be held in different areas of the state, while the remainder will be held in Sacramento.

We anticipate that deliberations at the upcoming BDAC meetings will be intense. We will be calling on each of you to contribute to developing the agendas and actively leading discussions. In order to accomplish our task this year, we are looking to you to renew your commitment to BDAC in 1999. As you may remember, the federal charter establishing BDAC, which was extended for two years in June 1997, is due to expire in June 1999. At that time it is likely that Secretary Babbitt and Governor Davis will assess whether to extend or modify the Charter and the role of the Council. Therefore, we encourage each of you to

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consider carefully your commitment to continue your participation on BDAC. In addition, we encourage you to reflect candidly on your continued ability to represent your community and to actively work toward consensus with other members of the Council in the next year. Also attached for your review is a set of guidelines for BDAC participation in 1999. Please be prepared to state your intentions at our next meeting on January 21.

Please note that the January meeting will be held in Sacramento. We have postponed the meeting schedule for Bakersfield until March.

Thank you again for your commitment and contribution to the CALFED Program.

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